Tribal Sub-Plan

4525. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the tribal sub-plan was introduced alongwith the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the literacy percentage of Scheduled Tribes when Tribal sub-plan was introduced and the present literacy percentage of such Scheduled Tribes under Tribal Sub-Plan; and

(c) the amount spent on education of Scheduled Tribes in Tribal sub-plan areas since the inception of Tribal sub-plan till-date, year-wise and State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) strategy was introduced during fifth five Year plan with two pronged objectives, namely, (i) Socio-economic Development of Scheduled Tribes and (ii) protection of tribals against exploitation Tribal Sub-Plan is applicable in 18 States and 2 Union Territories.

(b) The Tribal Sub-Plan concept was introduced in 1974-75. Hence, the figures of literacy percentage for Scheduled Tribes according to 1971 census is adopted for Tribal Sub-plan area. Accordingly a statement showing the percentage of literacy among the Scheduled Tribes under Tribal Sub-Plan area as per 1971 and 1991 census is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 112]

(c) The Ministry is implementing various Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes for education of Scheduled Tribes in Tribal sub-plan areas. The details are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 112].

Expansion of Tribal Sub-Plan in Rajasthan

4526. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan has been demanding expansion of Tribal sub-plan (TSP) area in the State by including 10 more tehsils since 1995;

(b) what action have Government taken on this demand; and

(c) if no decision has been taken, by when Government would take a decision in the matter ?